Strike in Bata Shoe Factory, Faridabad

2811. SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government are aware that workers of the Bata Shoe Factory, Faridabad have been on strikes for long time and have been agitating for their demands;

(b) if so, what are the details of the demands; and

(c) what steps are being taken to settle the dispute ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI P. A. SANGMA) : (a) to (c) Government of Haryana is the appropriate authority under the Industrial Disputes Act, 1947, to resolve the dispute in the Bata Shoe Factory, Faridabad. However, according to available information, about 1350 workers employed in the Shoe Factory have struck work from 3-9-86 over a 42-point charter of demands which includes a rise in basic wage and basic pay neutralisation in weekly DA at Rs. 0.60 per point, 20% bonus, increased PF contribution, housing at subsidised rates, abolition of contract and casual system, medical facilities, leave and holidays etc. The State Government has intervened and held a series of meetings with the parties to settle the dispute amicably. As differences persist, conciliation efforts are continuing.

Irregular transfer of garment export quotas

2812. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI : Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that garment export quotas are being transferred in the names of others;

(b) if so, what are the reasons for allowing the transfer of export quotas; and

(c) what steps are being taken by Government to check these malpractices and whether any action has so far been taken against any of the garment export firms or officials in this connection ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI S. KRISHNA KUMAR): (a) to (c) Transfer of garment export entitlement is permitted for past performance quota holders under the existing Export Entitlement Distribution Policy subject to certain conditions. Such transfers are allowed in order to encourage maximum utilisation of ceilings and also to provide better flexibility to the exporters.

Statement of Foreign Secretary of Pakistan at SAARC Conference

2813. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI : Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state what is Government's reaction to the Pakistan Foreign Secretary, Abdul Sattar's propaganda offensive against India at the SAARC media centre made just half-an-hour before the Foreign Ministers of India and Pakistan were scheduled to meet and on the eve of the meeting of the heads of State and Government of SAARC countries ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI K. NATWAR SINGH) : Government was surprised and disappointed that facts should have been distorted in such a manner. The Simla Agreement was quoted out of context and baseless allegation made in regard to Indian military exercises on the Indo-Pakistan border.

Industrial disputes pending before Industrial Tribunals/Labour Courts in Maharashtra

2814. SHRI NARESH C. PUGLIA : Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state :

(a) what is the number of industrial disputes pending before each Central Industrial Tribunal/Labour Court in Maharashtra as on 31st October, 1986;

(b) what is the number out of them which are pending for more than one year relating to disputes between the Central Public Sector Undertakings and their workers;

(c) whether it is also a fact that these workers have to go to the Industrial Tri-